

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets makes changes to Figs. 2–4 and replace the previous sheets with Figs. 2–4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 3–5 and 10–14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3–5 and 10–12 are amended, claims 1, 2, and 6–9 are cancelled, paragraphs [0007] and [0023] are amended, and Figs. 2–4 are amended. The amendments to claims 3–5, 11, and 12 merely correct the form and dependency of the claims. Support for the amendments to claim 10 can be found, for example, in paragraph [0024] of the original specification. Support for the amendments to paragraphs [0007] and [0023] can be found, for example, in paragraphs [0007] and [0023] of the original specification. Support for the amendments to Figs. 2–4 can be found, for example, in Figs. 2–4 of the original specification. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims in view of at least the following remarks.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Weaver during the interview held March 27, 2009 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

As indicated by Examiner Weaver during the March 27 telephone interview, the objection to the drawings for illustrating elements R20 and R30 without sufficient description of the elements in the specification and the objection to the specification for failing to describe elements R20 and R30 illustrated in the drawings are withdrawn in view of the January 28 Amendment.

The October 28, 2008 Office Action objects to Fig. 3 for allegedly failing to illustrate the sidewall 24 having a curved surface that is recessed toward the inside of the container and objects to Figs. 2–4 for containing the broken line characterizations. Applicants assert that the amendments to Fig. 3 in the attached replacement sheet emphasize the recess. Applicants

also amend the drawings to remove the broken line characterizations illustrated in Figs. 2–4. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

As further discussed during the interview, none of the cited references disclose or suggest "wherein the bottom face region and the rising region are bulged toward the underside of the container when the container is filled with the contents, and the bottom face region and the rising region form a flat surface that is closely contacted with a supporting surface of the container," as recited in claim 10. Accordingly, claim 10 is patentable over the cited references. Claims 3–5 and 11–14 are also patentable, at least in view of the patentability of claim 10, from which they depend, as well as for the additional features the claims recite.

In view of the foregoing, as a supplement to the January 28 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachment:

Replacement Sheets (Figs. 2-4)

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